



George Landis Arboretum NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

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It is with a feeling of real satisfaction that I realize we are almost completing a full year under our present structure, and we are still intact and making great strides forward.

All this is due to a dedicated and hard working Board of Trustees, and even more to our marvelous volunteers, who have jumped in wherever needed and pulled us through this difficult trial year when we have been working with neither adequate funds nor staff.

All through the summer the property was kept passable and presentable by volunteer mowers who helped clear the paths, and cleaned out unwanted trees and stumps, and by the Wednesday Weeders who did a superhuman job at least once a week, and by our efficient paid employee.

The new Conference Center was dedicated and in full service until the weather forced an end for this season, but we look forward to full usage in '86. We are hoping that many Garden Clubs and other groups will avail themselves of this splendid new facility with its breathtaking view. To engage the building for a specific date, either for a social function or a meeting, please contact me at 518 463-3783 as we will keep a master calendar of events.

Our greatest steps forward has been the rehabilitation and winterizing of the old farm house, all work accomplished by our new tenants who will be in residence here and are an invaluable asset.

The Quarry Rock Garden had been under the tender loving care of members of the Adirondack Chapter of the American Rock Garden Society, who have weeded and pruned and planted, and greatly improved this treasured area. The great white oak, which we proudly portray as our logo, has been pruned and fertilized and strengthened so that it will remain our symbol for many years to come.

We have great plans for '86. Like all good gardeners we must look ahead, and anticipate an exciting year with new and renewed plantings, and many more members to help us carry it all out.

First and foremost will come our Fund Drive, for obviously no plans can materialize without financial backing. You, our members and Friends, are well aware of all that our special Arboretum offers and the great potential we hold in our hands. We look to you for even

greater support and help, so tell our story wherever you go and help us increase our membership.

Happy Holidays to you all - and let's see you often in the challenging year ahead.

Elizabeth P. Corning

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We have offered our Saturday morning programs from May through September as a service to our Friends and the general public. Trustee Bousman will welcome suggestions for planning them, before the end of January call her at 864-5656 or call Margaret Law at 463-5256 if there are topics you would like covered on any phase of horticulture.

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Would you be interested in a bus trip to Longwood Gardens? It would be a two day event with reservations made in advance for the bus and hotel. For those who have never been to these gardens, and for those who have visited there before, it is an incredibly beautiful experience. It will be led by our own trustee, Paul Blair.

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We want to welcome two new Wednesday weeders: Betty Bloom and Pat Daly. Their enthusiasm and help makes end-of-the-season chores much easier to do.

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We hope cross-country skiers and snowshoers will plan visits to the Arboretum this winter. They will see a new dimension in the stark outlines of the deciduous trees with multiple bark patterns and the splendor of our evergreens wearing their snowy mantle.

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We will be having a photo contest next summer for the best picture taken at the George Landis Arboretum. We hope to make this an annual event. Our first contest will be general subjects, which could be of trees, flowers, or a panorama, in any season of the year. There will be more details in future newsletters, but you may want to start "snapping" now.

The next two pages provide a list of the plants we have ordered for the Rare Plant Sale next spring. Save it for your midwinter dreaming and use it as your checklist.

GEORGE LANDIS ARBORETUM
RARE PLANT SALE
May 17, 1986

- Acer griseum Paperbark Maple. You can find a wonderful example of this tree on the Arboretum grounds. It has a compact growing form with papery cinnamon-brown bark which keeps it interesting at the end of the growing season, after the last of its coral red fall color has gone.
- Acer palmatum dissectum Cut Japanese maple. We will have both the green and crimson trees which are of dwarf, weeping form with deeply cut leaves.
- Azaleas We will have some Exbury hybrids and also the white Delaware Valley - both known for their hardiness.
- Bignonia radicans (Campsis radicans) Trumpet vine. Our choice is the unusual Crimson Trumpet, a vigorous climber that needs no support, bears large trusses of deep glowing red flowers.
- Cercidiphyllum japonicum Katsura tree. A fine symmetrical tree with unsurpassed garden autumn foliage.
- Crataegus oxyacantha superba Crimson Cloud Hawthorn. This small tree bears exceptionally large single bright red flowers with a white star shaped center. In the fall it is covered with glossy red fruits.
- Cytisus praecox Warminster Broom. A lovely dwarf Scotch Broom with masses of yellow flowers in spring.
- Cornus kousa Chinese dogwood. A very free blooming variety whose showy flowering effect comes much later than Cornus Florida. With large red fruit attracting birds, beautiful reddish fall color and exfoliating bark, it continues to be interesting year around.
- Corylus avellana contorta Corkscrew hazelnut. Its remarkably curled and twisted branches in winter silhouette delight both talented flower arrangers and landscape designers.
- Cotoneaster horizontalis Rock cotoneaster. The small foliage is box-like and the abundant fruits are bright red.
- Cydonia japonica Flowering quince. The scarlet flowers in May are followed by spicy fruits which make delicious jelly.
- Enkianthus campanulatus Redvein enkianthus. This shrub has great ornamental value, bearing clusters of waxy, bell-shaped flowers, yellow with red veins in May. It has brilliant scarlet autumn foliage.
- Hamamelis Arnold Promise Arnold Witchhazel. Originated at the Arnold

Arboretum, this shrub has large 1 1/2 inch golden flowers with a rich fragrance and orange to scarlet fall color.

Hamamelis mollis Chinese Witchhazel. This is a rare novelty which has large fragrant yellow flowers in late winter.

Hydrangea quercifolia Oakleaf hydrangea. Leaves shaped like an oak leaf; beautiful fall color; succeeds in shade. Very desirable.

Hypericum hidcote Hypericum. This shrub grows only 2 or 3 feet and bears golden flowers throughout the summer.

Juniperus horizontalis Bar Harbor Juniper. This evergreen with gray-green foliage and prostrate habit is a valuable rock garden plant and ground cover.

Kalmia latifolia Mountain Laurel. Our beautiful native evergreen with large clusters of pink and white flowers in June.

Kerria japonica pleniflora Double kerria. This dense shrub is covered with bright yellow flowers in May. In winter its bright green twigs give added interest.

Lencothoe catesbaei Drooping Lencothoe. The glossy evergreen foliage of this plant provides a handsome background for its spring white flowers.

Malus Red Jade Red Jade Crab. This is a weeping variety with single white flowers followed by numerous small red fruit which hold well into the winter for added interest.

Malus Strawberry Parfait Strawberry Parfait Crab. This hybrid crab has large fragrant pink flowers with red margins. It is a very heavy bloomer and resistant to mildew and apple scab.

Oxydendrum arboreum Sourwood. White bell-shaped flowers in August. It has glossy, leathery foliage which turns deep red and scarlet in fall.

Picea nidiformis Birdsnest Spruce. A dwarf spreading spruce with a dense pin-cushion habit of growth.

Pinus burgeana Lace-bark Pine. The Lace-bark pine is unique for the chalk-white bark and dark green needles of mature specimens. This rare introduction from northwest China is quite hardy and can attain an eventual height of 50 to 60 feet.

Taxodium distichum Bald Cypress. An unusual native conifer with pale green fern-like foliage which is shed each fall. It thrives in wet ground.

Note: We have moved up our date for better planting conditions and for a bigger and better event. We have ordered the following for our Rare Plant Sale and are very enthusiastic over these varieties. We hope you will be too.

Clematis Betty Corning

Again we will be able to offer Clematis Betty Corning, that handsome vine with lovely blue bell-shaped flowers. Most everyone who has bought them in the past have reported at least one flower the first year and many, the second. We have never had enough of these choice clematis to fill all our orders, even in two years; so we hope those patient Friends who are still interested will contact Margaret Law (463-5256) to reserve a plant.

We have ordered and hope to be able to offer you some rarely grown Beech trees: Fagus Sylvatica Contorta, Fagus Sylvatica Roseo Marginata as well as Pendula, Aurea Pendula, and Tricolor. Also we have ordered two interesting Gingkos: Biloba variegated and Pendula. Rock gardeners or Friends with limited space will be interested in a number of the dwarf conifers available. We have, of course, limited quantities of all plants, so you will want to be sure you have renewed your membership to be able to take advantage of the one hour earlier admission to Friends of the George Landis Arboretum only.

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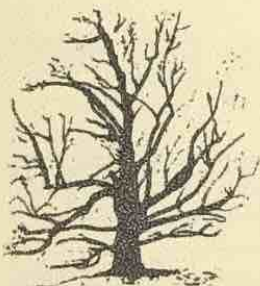
Our long awaited election of officers of the Friends Organization is here. We thank the Steering Committee for their hard work over the past two years.

Slate of Officers of the Friends of the George Landis Arboretum

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